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DETAILED ACTION

1. Upon a review of the instant application, it is noted that page 5, paragraph 1 of the instant specification refers to claims 4-6, which are no longer pending.

The Examiner's Amendment is made in lieu of reopening prosecution in order to remedy these references to claims no longer pending, which were brought to applicant's attention for the first time in the telephone interview of February 24, 2005. Accordingly, no further extension of time is required to make the Examiner's Amendment which corrects this issue.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. '1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

3. Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Richard Lebovitz on 2/24/05.

5. Amend page 5, paragraph 1 of the specification as follows:

-- Accordingly, the object of the invention also includes, pursuant to patent claim 4, hybridoma cells as well as a procedure for the production of antibodies according to the invention pursuant to patent claims 5 and 6. --

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phillip Gambel whose telephone number is (571) 272-0844. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm. A message may be left on the examiner's voice mail service. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Chan can be reached on (571) 272-0841.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phillip Gambel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.